

## **TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

## FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA

August 6, 2020 at 7pm

This is First Selectman Jason E. Bowsza reaching out to all town residents. A copy of this message will be listed on the Town's website when possible. During my last update at 1pm this afternoon, there were 3,695 residents in East Windsor without power. As of now, there are 2,595 East Windsor residents without power, a decrease of 1,100 homes and businesses. 493,076 residents serviced by Eversource around the state are still without power.

During a call this evening with municipal chief executive officers, Governor Lamont stressed that the focus for Eversource will continue to be on clearing blocked roads and addressing priority areas. Our goal in East Windsor this morning had been to have all roads in town open and passable by the end of the day today. We have met that goal, placing us ahead of the majority of the state in terms of initial recovery.

Eversource is reporting that there were more than 700 crews in Connecticut today working on power restoration and said that number will double tomorrow as additional relief comes in from out of state. Eversource will be issuing a statewide estimated return of service this evening, which will give people better insight into where things stand in terms of restoration.

The Town will continue to provide a cooling/charging station at the Town Hall Annex tomorrow from 8:30am to 5pm and 11am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. Additionally, the Town will be providing access to showers at East Windsor High School tomorrow through Sunday from 9am to 1pm. Some limited toiletries will be available, but people are encouraged to bring their own soap and shampoo and will need to provide their own towels. Police and Town staff will be posted to ensure security and COVID-19 best practices, including social distancing, are adhered to. Anyone who may need to take a shower can enter through the back door nearest the gymnasium.

Despite all of this, there is still a primary election next Tuesday. To ensure that your ballot is received on time to be counted, if you haven't mailed it already, you can drop your ballot off at the secure ballot drop box outside of Town Hall. Remember to place your ballot into both the inner and outer envelopes.

We made a lot of good progress today in our recovery efforts. That is a real testament to our Emergency Management Team. Our police department, fire departments, ambulance association, public works crew and community services team have worked incredibly well together, and the results were borne out today. We have a lot of work still to do, but our town should be proud of the work done so far.

I wish you continued good health.

Jason E. Bowsza First Selectman